

REMARKS

Claims 5-31 are pending herein. By this Amendment, claims 8, 10-13, 25 and 26 are amended; no claims are canceled and no new claims are added.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

This Amendment does not introduce new matter. Support for the amendment of claims 8, 10-13, 25 and 26 can be found in the specification, for example, at page 8, lines 11-19.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 5-7 and 16-24 are allowed.

I. Rejection Under §102

Claims 8-15 and 25-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by Semel et al. (US 5,256,185). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

As amended, claim 8 is drawn to an electrified lubricant for die lubrication that adheres to the surface of a die upon electrification. Because the lubricant is electrified, it bears an electrical charge. In contrast, the lubricants disclosed by Semel do not bear an electrical charge because the cited reference fails to disclose an electrified lubricant.

Semel only discloses the preparation of metallurgical powders containing two organic lubricants. The cited reference does not disclose lubricants that adhere to a die surface by electrification. The lubricants disclosed by Semel are merely mixed into an iron-based powder. As such, the composition disclosed by Semel is not electrified, nor does it require electrification.

The language of claim 8 clearly indicates that the lubricants adhere to the surface of the die upon electrification.

Applicants respectfully submit that Semel does not anticipate the claimed invention because Semel does not teach each and every limitation of the claimed invention.

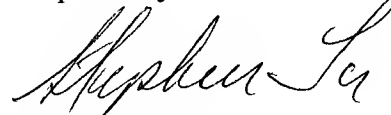
In view of the above amendments remarks, this rejection should be withdrawn. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 5-31 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

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APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

The following is a marked-up version of the amended claim(s):

8. (Three times Amended) ~~A~~An electrified lubricant for die lubrication, comprising:
- a mixed powder of at least two different lubricants, each having a melting point higher than a predetermined temperature; ~~and wherein~~
- the lubricant for die lubrication is ~~reliably electrified in a charging device in order to be adherable to the surface of a die with reliability by electrification~~ adheres to the surface of a die when electrified.
10. (Amended) ~~A~~An electrified lubricant for die lubrication, comprising:
- a mixed powder of at least two different lubricants, each having a melting point higher than about 45°C, wherein the lubricant for die lubrication adheres to the surface of a die when electrified.
11. (Amended) ~~A~~An electrified lubricant for die lubrication, comprising:
- a mixed powder of at least two different lubricants, each having a melting point higher than about 70°C, wherein the lubricant for die lubrication adheres to the surface of a die when electrified.
12. (Amended) ~~A~~An electrified lubricant for die lubrication, comprising:
- a mixed powder of at least two different lubricants, each having a melting point higher than about 80°C, wherein the lubricant for die lubrication adheres to the surface of a die when electrified.

13. (Amended) AAAn electrified lubricant for die lubrication, comprising:
a mixed powder of at least two different lubricants, each having a melting point higher than about 130°C, wherein the lubricant for die lubrication adheres to the surface of a die when electrified.

25. (Amended) AAAn electrified lubricant for die lubrication, comprising:
a mixed powder of at least two different lubricants, each having a melting point higher than about 150°C, wherein the lubricant for die lubrication adheres to the surface of a die when electrified.

26. (Amended) AAAn electrified lubricant for die lubrication, comprising:
a mixed powder of at least two different lubricants, each having a melting point higher than 200°C, wherein the lubricant for die lubrication adheres to the surface of a die when electrified.